



REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

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**DIRECTORATE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES (DES)**  
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**MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION**

**SUBJECT: Command Policy (CP) 6-2, Temporary Custody of Minors by Military Police (MP)**

1. REFERENCES. n/a.

2. PURPOSE. To establish guidelines and policies concerning the custody of minors by the Military Police in the 104<sup>th</sup> Area Support Group (ASG).

3. APPLICABILITY. This policy applies to all military, Department of the Army (appropriated fund and non-appropriated fund) civilian (DAC) employees and family members within the 104<sup>th</sup> ASG area of responsibility (AOR).

4. DEFINITION. For the purpose of this policy, the term "custody" refers to care, control, and supervision. It does not refer to police custody exercised in connection with suspected juvenile misconduct or other police investigations.

5. BACKGROUND.

a. Incidents frequently occur requiring military police intervention. Occasionally, these incidents require the military police to assume custody of minors to protect them from abuse and/or neglect, or to safeguard them in instances when the parent or sponsor is incapacitated or otherwise physically unable to provide adequate supervision or care.

b. MPs are not the appropriate agency to provide extended supervision, care, or custody for minors. MPs have limited childcare capability beyond immediate intervention. MP stations are not designed or staffed to provide care for minors.

6. POLICY.

a. MPs will not provide care and supervision to minors in their custody for more than two hours.

b. Parents are required to respond immediately to assume custody of minors when notified that their minor family member(s) are in the custody of the military police.

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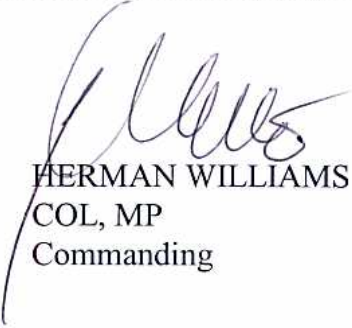
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c. Agencies and activities within the 104<sup>th</sup> ASG area of responsibility will not transfer custody of minors to the MPs unless requested to do so by military police in connection with an official investigation.

d. BSB Commanders will establish and publish procedures to ensure that minor children are removed from MP custody promptly upon completion of administrative processing. Points of contact and telephone numbers will be readily available to enable MP desk sergeants to notify the appropriate authority responsible for the care of minor children. Procedures will include alternative care in cases where parents are suspected of abuse.

7. The proponent for this command policy is the Directorate of Emergency Services, DSN 323-3109.

8. This policy memorandum supersedes all previous memoranda, subject as above.



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